



# IDEA

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

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## Parents and Families

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Parents and families want the best for their family members. The Parents and Families Resource page brings together U.S. Department of Education-funded centers, department programs, and additional information of interest for parents and families.

Visit the IDEA [Statute and Regulations](#) and [Policy Support](#) pages for more specific, searchable IDEA law and policy information.

## IDEA-Related Centers

The Department's Office of Special Education Programs ([OSEP](#)) supports projects that provide information and technical assistance to families of infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities.

These projects also support families whose children are suspected of having a disability or developmental delay or who may be inappropriately identified as needing special education and related services.

Information and assistance from these OSEP-funded projects are available free of charge. Families can find information about [IDEA-specific topics through these centers](#).

The Parent Training and Information Centers (PTI) provide services in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Pacific entities. PTIs are a rich source of information and training especially for parents, including parents whose primary language is not English or themselves have special training needs.

In addition, Community Parent Resource Centers (CPRC) throughout the country serve targeted, underserved communities.

To find the PTI or CPRC that serves your community or to locate additional informational materials for families, visit the [Center on Parent Information and Resources](#).

## IDEA Topic Areas

OSEP, along with other Department offices, Federal agencies, and OSEP discretionary grant recipients, provides numerous IDEA-topic area resources.

For more specific resources on a variety of IDEA topics, visit the [Topic Areas](#) resource page. This resource page includes information and resources from the Department, other Federal agencies, and federally-funded technical assistance centers.

## Early Learning

The Department has prioritized early learning in an effort to support our nation's youngest learners. A variety of resources and links to early learning-specific resources can be found on the Department's [Early Learning Website](#).

## Understanding Your Rights Under IDEA

The Early Childhood Technical Assistance (ECTA) Center developed the [For Families](#) page to provide information to help families with young children:

- understand their rights under the IDEA,
- connect with other families, and
- find resources related to caring for infants, toddlers and young children with disabilities.

## Early Intervention and Preschool Special Education Data

The Center for IDEA Early Childhood Data Systems (DaSy) developed the [For Families](#) page to provide information to families of young children who want to know more about early intervention and preschool special education data.

## Military Families

The [Military-Connected Children with Disabilities](#) page highlights resources to support states, parents, families, and others to meet the unique needs of military-connected children with disabilities and ensure the timely provision of required early intervention and special education and related services.

## Disability Specific Groups

Numerous national, state, and local disability-specific groups exist in support of infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities and their families.

The Department does not endorse particular groups and organizations; however, parents and families are encouraged to contact their [Parent Training and](#)

**[Information Center](#)**. Parents and families may also find it helpful to connect with research groups and organizations that provide information and support for their child's disability.

## Other Resources

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## ABOUT IDEA

The [Individuals with Disabilities Education Act](#) (IDEA) is a law that makes available a free appropriate public education to eligible children with disabilities throughout the nation and ensures special education and related services to those children.

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